

THE COLEOPTERISTS SOCIETY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 9th annual meeting of the Coleopterists Society was held August 24, 1976, at the Sheraton Hotel in Washington, D.C. The meeting was chaired by President Triplehorn who welcomed members and called the meeting to order. This meeting was held in conjunction with the XV International Congress of Entomology.

1. Because of the International Congress, several foreign coleopterists were present at the meeting, either as members or guests. These were introduced as follows: Besuchet, Switzerland; Galewski, Poland; Krikken, Netherlands; Menier, France; Peña, Chile; Reyes, Mexico; Sato, Japan; Wittmer, Switzerland.

2. Minutes of the 1975 meeting were accepted as published in the Bulletin, Vol. 30(1), 1976.

3. Secretary Gordon reported to the membership on business discussed at the executive committee meeting held earlier as follows. *Budget*.—The committee examined the budget and the rate at which the Society is publishing (about 400 pages per year) and it seems we are presently publishing at a rate that maintains our resources at a slightly increasing rate. *Review of papers submitted to the Bulletin*.—The question was raised as to whether all papers should be externally reviewed. No decision was reached. *Association of Systematic Collections*.—The question was raised whether or not to join; the cost of sending a representative to ASC meetings and the possibility of selecting a member located at the meeting site to represent the Society. It was resolved that the Society will support ASC at the rate of \$25.00 annually with no money to be allocated for support of a Society representative. The president will appoint, if possible, a Society member in the city where the ASC meeting is held to represent the Society. This representative will submit a written report to the president, and a copy of this report will be given to any representative assigned to cover future ASC meetings. These reports will be published in the Newsletter. Brown motioned that the action of the executive committee be approved, seconded by Kavanaugh, discussion ensued, motion approved.

4. Officer's Reports.

a. Secretary Gordon informed the membership that all proposed amendments to the constitution on the recently submitted ballot were approved by the membership.

b. Treasurer Erwin submitted the appended report which was audited by D. M. Anderson, P. J. Spangler, and J. M. Kingsolver. Howden asked about billing procedures and Erwin explained them.

c. Editor Whitehead. No official report.

5. Committee Reports.

a. Nomination and elections committee. George Ball reported the election results. Bob Woodruff is our new President-Elect; new council members are Joe Schuh, Barry Valentine, and Charles O'Brien.

b. John Kingsolver reported on the status of the Coleoptera Catalog as follows. Computer programs for production of the Catalog have now been completed. As soon as the cover design and a new map are finished, the Heteroceridae, Cupesidae, and Platypodidae can be published. Data for the Anobiidae have, for the most part, been entered. Cards for Ciidae, Languriidae, Cerylonidae, Rhysodidae, Pyrochroidae, Elmidae, Dryopidae, and Psephenidae have been received, while the Dermestidae and Colydiidae are nearly complete.

c. Color standards committee. Howard Frank reported for the committee. The report is appended.

6. Arnett talked about his North American beetle fauna project. Biological Research Institute has given permission for manuals to be produced out of sequence. Donations are requested to reduce the sale price of each manual.

7. President Triplehorn appointed a new auditing committee consisting of Ted Spilman, Richard White, and Don Anderson.

8. President Triplehorn gave some closing remarks and installed the new president, Tommy Allen.

9. President Allen asked for new business; appointed a new nominating committee with Harley Brown as chairman, Brown to appoint two other members.

10. Newsletter. President Allen brought up the subject of the Newsletter and George Ball gave the results of the membership vote included with the election ballot. Choice e, "resume publication of the Newsletter as a separate entity from the Bulletin" received the most votes; choice c, "put the Newsletter at the end of the Bulletin with separate pagination" was next; choice b, "use the Newsletter as filler in the Bulletin without separation" was third. The remaining two alternatives did not receive enough votes to be considered further. Lengthy discussion ensued. O'Brien asked who would be editor; Allen asked O'Brien to do so and O'Brien consented but suggested that the editorship be rotated and solicited contribution of articles. Allen suggested O'Brien continue as editor for at least one year. O'Brien said that the Newsletter should not be restricted to a fixed number of issues per year. Woodruff pointed out that the additional cost of publishing the Newsletter should be considered particularly if the Newsletter were to be published separately. O'Brien agreed that the cost of separate publication was large, but pointed out the problems caused by requests from libraries when the Newsletter was included in the Bulletin. Woodruff moved that the executive committee take under advisement the vote on the Newsletter and the economics thereof. Lee Herman seconded the motion, discussion followed and Woodruff and Herman withdrew their motion. Howden moved that the Newsletter be incorporated in the Bulletin, with amount of content to be determined by the Bulletin editor and this content to be edited by the Newsletter editor. Motion was seconded by Ratcliffe and passed.

11. President Allen brought up the subject of the next annual meeting of the Society, discussion ensued. Herman moved that we continue to meet with ESA, other meetings not prohibited, motion seconded and approved. Informal discussion resulted in approval of some sort of meeting with ESA in Hawaii.

12. President Allen adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Gordon
Secretary (1976)



LITERATURE NOTICE

Review of the pselaphid beetles of the West Indies (Coleoptera: Pselaphidae), by Orlando Park 1901-1969, John A. Wagner, and Milton W. Sanderson. Fieldiana: Zoology, Vol. 68, xi + 90 p., Nov. 1976.

Begun by Park, this work happily was brought to completion by Wagner and Sanderson. The West Indian pselaphid fauna remains so poorly known that they regard this publication as a "review" rather than a "revision". Park had intended but had not started analyses of phylogeny and zoogeography, hence these are not included; however, there is a brief but useful discussion of the West Indies in relation to the pselaphid fauna.

—D. R. Whitehead

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NOVEMBER 26, 1975 TO NOVEMBER 27, 1976

(Audited by: D. M. Anderson, P. J. Spangler, J. M. Kingsolver)

Assets:

Balance from 1975 (November 26)	\$11,380.08
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Income:

Page charges, separates, postage on separates charged to authors	5,486.50
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Membership dues, subscriptions	6,257.00
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Back issues	42.00
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Interest on savings and certificate at Northern Virginia Savings and Loan (Nov 26-Dec 31, 1975, all of 1976)	653.85
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Donations for ESA/Coleopterists Hospitality night	106.00
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Donations for XV Congress/Coleopterists Hospitality night	96.00
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Balance of credits	\$24,021.43
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Disbursements:

Printers cost of Bulletin Production (Dec 1975; March, June 1976)	\$7,687.80
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Addressograph service and envelopes	213.03
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Inkblot Co. services and materials	201.05
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Second class mailing permit/Editor's postage	381.44
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ESA, 1975 Coleopterists Hospitality night	382.36
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Service charges, Riggs Bank	22.93
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Bounced checks	16.00
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XV Congress, 1976 Coleopterists Hospitality night	160.15
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Transpayment (Member to BRIA)	15.00
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Postage (Secretary and Treasurer)	175.40
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Balance of debits	\$9,255.16
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Income over disbursements	\$3,386.19
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(NOTE: This is high because only 3 Bulletin
issues paid for in this statement)

Total assets carried into 1977	\$14,766.27
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Respectfully submitted,

Terry L. Erwin
Treasurer (1976)

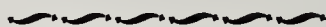


COLOR STANDARDS REPORT

The Coleopterists Society Color Standards Committee, formed after the 1973 annual meeting of the society, was disbanded after the 1975 annual meeting. Its place has been taken by a Special Committee on Color Standards of the Entomological Society of America, which has 2 representatives of the Coleopterists Society: J. H. Frank and S. G. Wellso. The E.S.A. committee was formed by a decision of the President and Governing Board of the E.S.A. after presentation of a report on color standards by the Coleopterists Society Color Standards Committee. The reasons for forming an E.S.A. committee were: (1) that a good color standard used by coleopterists should also be of use to other entomologists, in fact to biologists in general, (2) that a single color standard instead of a diversity of standards should be used by all entomologists (biologists), (3) that a unilateral decision by coleopterists to adopt a color standard might not necessarily be followed by other entomologists (biologists), (4) that the requirements of other entomologists (biologists) should be investigated before the selection of a color standard, (5) that if it should prove necessary to design and publish a new color standard, the Coleopterists Society would not have the financial means to afford the publication costs.

The E.S.A. Special Committee on Color Standards, whose members were selected by the 1975-1976 E.S.A. President as representing all entomologists, has 2 coleopterists, 1 hymenopterist, 1 lepidopterist and 1 hemipterist. Essentially its purpose is identical to that of the former Coleopterists Society Color Standards Committee, namely: (1) to assess existing color standards, (2) to investigate the requirements of entomologists, (3) to define the format and means of production of a new color standard if no existing color standard should prove adequate. In addition to these tasks it is also seeking liaison with other biological societies and, at the 1976 annual meeting of the E.S.A. in Washington, a full collaboration was achieved with the Mycological Society of America Color Standards Committee, the requirements of the 2 committees having proven to be identical. This collaboration has given new impetus to both committees and at the present time the production and publication of a new color standard, for which the National Bureau of Standards is giving advice, seems to be probable within the near future.

Reports are to be found on p. 77-78 of the March 1976 (vol. 22) and p. 89 of the March 1977 (vol. 23) Bulletins of the E.S.A.



LITERATURE NOTICES

The myrmecophilous beetle genus *Echinocoleus* in the Southwestern United States (Leiodidae; Catopinae), by Stewart B. Peck. 1976. *Psyche* 83(1):51-62.

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Rediscovery of *Bembidion rufotinctum* Chaudoir, with extreme range and distributional records of Bembidion and other Carabidae (Coleoptera), by Kenneth W. Cooper. 1976. *Ent. News* 87:159-166.

Observations on adult behavior of the lycid beetle *Calopteron terminale* (Coleoptera: Lycidae), by Horace R. Burke. 1976. *Ent. News* 87:229-232.

—Paul P. Shubeck